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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 29 May 2007 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

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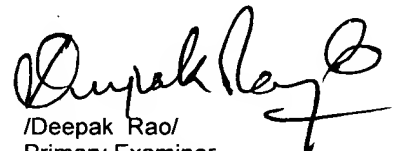
c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

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d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

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*The Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 29, 2007 has been entered as it lists a previously cited reference which was fully considered prior to allowance. The IDS is filed to correct the volume number of the citation that was incorrect in the form 1449 filed on October 22, 2001. Initialed copy of the form 1449 is enclosed herewith. Upon review of record, it was noted that an initialed copy of 1449 filed March 13, 2007 was inadvertently omitted from being mailed with the previous office action. The initialed copy of the 1449 (20070313) is also enclosed herewith for applicant's record.*

  
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